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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: 2020

Please ensure that information contained on this waiver request coincides with information provided on the geographical access maps and provider list submitted with this application.

1. Name and Title of Person Submitting this Document:

Carrier	Name Network	Network ID	Reason Code 4: Network Structure*
Blue Plus	Blue Plus Northeast MN Network	MNN006	ACO
Name	Title	Date	Reason Code 4: Enrollees in Network*
Eric Hoag	Vice President, Provider Relations	5/24/2019	2921

2. By submitting this form, the above-referenced confirms:

- A. That person submitting this request has personal knowledge of the network contracting process involved in this submission; and
- B. That access cannot be met for the following provider type(s). Include the county and reason(s) for not meeting the requirements.

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
General Hospital facilities	Lake, St. Louis	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Rainy Lake Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital, no General Hospitals are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access hospital care at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis County and Lakeview Memoria Hospital in Lake County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.		
General Hospital facilities	Aitkin	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	142	5

General Hospital facilities	Cook	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	111	10
General Hospital facilities	Itasca	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	667	2
General Hospital facilities	Koochiching	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	104	25
General Hospital facilities	Lake	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	158	40
General Hospital facilities	St. Louis	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	1155	10
Primary Care providers	Cook,Lake,St. Louis	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, St. Luke's Healthcare System, Rainy Lake Medical Center, and Fairview Health, no Primary Care practitioners are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access primary care at St. Luke's Hospitals and Clinics and Scenic Rivers Health Services in St. Louis County and Sawtooth Mountain Clinic in Cook County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		

<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis, Cook</i>	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County Memorial Hospital, St. Lukes Health, and no Mental Health professionals are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access mental health care St. Luke's Mental Health Clinic, Nystrom and Associates, and Range Mental Health in St. Louis County, and Human Development Center in Cook, Lake and St. Louis counties. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Lake</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>	158	40
<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>	1155	5
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Aitkin</i>	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Lifecare Medical Center, Altru Health System, Kiltson Memorial Healthcare Center, Cook County North Shore Hospital, Lakewood Health Center, and St. Lukes Hospital and Clinics, no Pediatric Services Providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric care at St. Luke's Clinics and Scenic Rivers Health Services in St. Louis County, Grand Itasca Professional and Mesaba Clinics in Itasca counties and Red Lake Hospital and Clinic in Beltrami County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Aitkin</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>	142	60
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Carlton</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>	183	20

<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Lake</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	<i>158</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	<i>144</i>	<i>95</i>
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	<i>1155</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i>	<i>Koochiching, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including St. Luke's Healthcare, Lifecare Medical Center, and Lakewood Health Center, no Pediatric Specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric specialty care at St. Luke's Hospitals and Clinics in St. Louis County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.		
<i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i>	<i>Aitkin, Itasca, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce		
<i>Cardiac Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Lake, Koochiching, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Fairview Health Services, and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no cardiac surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access Cardiac Surgery care at St. Lukes Vascular Surgery and Essentia Health in St. Louis County, and Sanford Health in Beltrami County. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.		

Cardiac Surgery	Aitkin, Itasca, Koochiching, Pine	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		
Cardiovascular Disease	Cook	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no cardiologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access Cardiovascular Disease care at St. Luke's Healthcare and Fairview Health in St. Louis County. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.		
Cardiovascular Disease	Cook, Lake, Koochiching, St. Louis	4	Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		

Please use additional sheet if needed

***Only for Reason Code 4, Network Structure, Enrollees in Network, Affected Enrollees, and Percent Not Covered only needed if reason code is 4 and provider type is Primary Care, Pediatric Services Providers [Primary Care], General Hospital and Mental Health.**

As part of this waiver request for all reason codes, a carrier must demonstrate with specific data that the geographic access standards cannot be met in a particular service area or part of a service area and also state what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy (MN Statutes § 62K.10, subdivision 5).

Reason Codes:

1. Carrier has conducted a good faith search for providers and determined that there are no providers physically present in the service area of the type requested in the waiver. MDH will not grant a waiver for this reason code unless the carrier demonstrates, with specific information, that there are no providers physically present in the part(s) of the service area for which the waiver is sought. Specific information may include provider directories and sources consulted, physical geography that affects the location of providers, or other information that affects the availability and location of providers. Telemedicine may be used as a means to provide access when there are no providers physically present to meet the standard. The carrier should describe how it will assess the availability of providers who begin practice in the service area where the standard cannot currently be met. State what steps will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
2. Provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. Carrier must cite the reason(s) provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. State what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
3. Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider and provider has refused to accept a contract. State what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
4. For all Reason Code 4, you must state the following information:
 - a. Specify the network structure: ACO or Narrow Network. (In Section 1 above.)
 - b. State the total number of estimated enrollees in the network as of the submission date of waiver. (In section 1 above.)
 - c. State why the geographic access standards cannot be met. Explain why full geographic access is not possible with this network design.
 - d. State how access will be provided for this provider type for the enrollees of the affected county.

Additionally, for Reason Code 4, only for Primary Care, Pediatric Services Providers [Primary Care], General Hospital and Mental Health provider types, you must select only one county per line. See the Provider Network Adequacy Instruction for further direction. If the carrier would like to request a waiver for an additional county for the same provider type, they will need to add an additional line to allow for the specific additional information to be provided. For these same 4 provider types, the carrier must also complete the following fields:

- e. State the total number of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard as of the submission date of waiver.
- f. State the estimated percentage of area in that county that is not covered.

Attestation for the Request for Waiver

The undersigned attests that he/she is a representative of the carrier with personal knowledge of the network and reasons for the above waiver requests, and that the waiver requests meet the requirements for the waiver, as outlined above. The undersigned also attests that good faith efforts have been made to locate and contract with providers, as outlined above, and that if providers become available in the service area, carrier will make a good faith effort to contract with said providers.

Eric Hoag, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Vice President, Provider Relations
Name, Company, Title

May 24, 2019
Date Attestation Signed

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
<i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i>	<i>Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no colorectal surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested. Members can access Colon and Rectal Surgery care at St. Lukes in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<i>Dermatology</i>	<i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Big Fork Valley Hospital, St. Luke's Hospitals and Clinics, Tri County Healthcare Clinic and Cook County North Shore Hospital, no dermatologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access Dermatology care at St. Luke's Healthcare and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<i>Dermatology</i>	<i>Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		

<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Kittson Memorial Healthcare, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Littlefork Medical Center, Lakewood Health System, St. Luke's Health Care System and Cook County North Shore Hospital, no endocrinologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access Endocrinology care at St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County and Red Lake Hospital and Clinic in Beltrami County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Aitkin, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, and Rainy Lake Medical Center, no gastroenterologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access Gastroenterology care at St. Luke's Healthcare and Northland Gastroenterology in St. Louis County and Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County, Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<i>General Surgery</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Essentia Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no general surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access General Surgery care at St. Luke's Surgical Associates in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		

<p><i>Genetics</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County Memorial Hospital, Fairview Health Services, and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no genetics specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Genetics</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Carlton, Itasca, Lake, Pine, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p><i>Nephrology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Lake</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no nephrologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access nephrology care at St. Luke's Nephrology Associates in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Nephrology</i></p>	<p><i>Koochiching, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		

<p><i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Lake</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Lakeview Memorial Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no neurologists or neurosurgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access neurology and neurosurgery care at Lakeview Memoria Hospital in Lake County and St. Luke's Neurology Associates in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Lake</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p><i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, St. Luke's Healthcare System and Altru Health, no obstetricians/gynecologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access OB/Gyn care at St. Luke's Healthcare and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County and Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Lake</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		

<p>Oncology</p>	<p>Cook, Lake</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, and St. Lukeview Memorial Hospital, no oncologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access oncology care at St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p>Oncology</p>	<p>Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p>Ophthalmology</p>	<p>Cook</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Lakeview Memorial Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no ophthalmologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access Ophthalmology care at St. Lukes Healthcare in Lake and St. Louis County and Vitreoretinal Surgery in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p>Ophthalmology</p>	<p>Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		

<p><i>Orthopedic Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no orthopedic surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access orthopedic services care at St. Luke's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine, Orthopaedic Associates of Duluth PA and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Otolaryngology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no otolaryngologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access otolaryngology care at St. Luke's ENT Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Otolaryngology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p><i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and Lakeview Memorial Hospital, no physical medicine and rehabilitation and occupational medicine providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access physical medicine and rehabilitation and occupational medicine care at St. Luke's Physical Medicine and Rehab Associates in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		

<p>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</p>	<p>Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p>Pulmonary Disease</p>	<p>Cook</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and Lakeview Memorial Hospital, no pulmonologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access pulmonary disease care at St. Luke's Pulmonary Medicine, and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p>Pulmonary Disease</p>	<p>Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p>Radiology and Nuclear Medicine</p>	<p>Koochiching, St. Louis</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including, Cook County North Shore Hospital, Fairview Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no radiologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access radiology and nuclear medicine care at Consulting Radiologists in Lake and St. Louis counties and Radiology Associated in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		

<p><i>Reconstructive Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Lakeview Memorial Hospital and Fairview Health, no plastic/reconstructive surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access reconstructive surgery care at St. Luke's Plastic Surgery Associates in St. Louis County and Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Reconstructive Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p><i>Thoracic Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Fairview Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no thoracic surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access thoracic surgery care at St. Lukes Vascular Surgery in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Thoracic Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		

<p><i>Urology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</i></p>	<p><i>1</i></p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019 of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and Lakeview Memorial Hospital, no urologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access urology care at St. Luke's Urology Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Urology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		
<p><i>Vascular Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Koochiching, St. Louis</i></p>	<p><i>1</i></p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and Lakeview Memorial Hospital, no vascular surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access vascular surgery care at St. Luke's Vascular Surgery Associates and Hibbing Family Medical Center in St. Louis County.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Vascular Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Itasca, Koochiching</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p>Blue Plus Northeast MN plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Northeast MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Northeast MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Northeast MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Northeast MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.</p>		

